

REMARKS

I. GENERAL

New claims 21-26 (which substantially correspond to previously-cancelled claims 6, 7, 11, 12, 17 and 18) have been added to the present application, as per the Examiner's suggestion contained in the Final Office Action on page 2 thereof. In addition, claims 1-5, 8-10, 14-16, 19 and 20 have been amended above to provide these claims in better form for consideration, and not for any reason relating to patentability to introduce any new to require the Examiner to perform another search.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to remove a minor informality therefrom. In addition, claims 2-5, 8-10, 14-16, 19 and 20 were amended as per the suggestion of the Examiner contained in the Final Office Action. It should be noted that the amendments to the claims were not implemented for any reason relating to patentability. Accordingly, the objection to the claims contained in the Final Office Action is now moot, and should therefor be withdrawn. It is respectfully asserted that no new matter has been added.

This Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with an Appeal Brief. Accordingly, the entry of the amendments to the claims contained herein above is respectfully requested prior to the consideration of the appeal by the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Prompt consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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